



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 962***

LCO No. 3577



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
5 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
6 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
7 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
8 development, nutrition, first aid, disease prevention, community and  
9 consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including  
10 youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which  
11 may include the dangers of gang membership, and accident  
12 prevention; language arts, including reading, writing, grammar,  
13 speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social  
14 studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics,  
15 geography, government and history; and in addition, [on] in at least  
16 [the secondary level] grades six to twelve, inclusive, one or more world

17 languages; [and] vocational education; computer programming  
18 instruction; the safe use of social media, as defined in section 9-601;  
19 instruction regarding a person's rights and responsibilities during a  
20 custodial stop, investigative detention and arrest; and training in  
21 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of chest  
22 compression. For purposes of this subsection, world languages shall  
23 include American Sign Language, provided such subject matter is  
24 taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a teacher who  
25 holds a certificate issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes  
26 of this subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing  
27 arts, which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and  
28 theatre.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2015	10-16b(a)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To include instruction in computer programming, the safe use of social media, investigative detention and arrest and cardiopulmonary resuscitation as part of the middle school curriculum in the public schools.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*